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SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO MOZAMBIQUE'S TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

1. WE HAVE CONSIDERED THE VARIOUS SUGGESTIONS MADE BY CONGEN AND NEIGHBORING POSTS WITH REGARD TO APPROPRIATE USG RESPONSE TO COMING TRANSFER OF AUTHORITY OVER MOZAMBIQUE TO TRANSITIONAL FRELIMO-DOMINATED GOVERNMENT. WE HAVE CONCLUDED THAT OUR INITIAL APPROACH TO NEW GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE LOW-KEY AND COUCHED IN RATHER GENERAL LANGUAGE.

2. IN LINE WITH ABOVE, YOU MAY DRAW ON FOLLOWING GUIDELINES IN PREPARING REMARKS TO BE DELIVERED TO APPROPRIATE PORTUGUESE AND FRELIMO AUTHORITIES OF NEW GOVERNMENT (WE ASSUME THESE WOULD BE HIGH COMMISSIONER AND PRIME MINISTER, RESPECTIVELY). WE LEAN TOWARDS ORAL PRESENTATION, BUT WE LEAVE TO YOUR DISCRETION WHETHER THEY SHOULD BE FOLLOWED BY LETTER FROM YOU, HAVING IN MIND PITFALLS THAT MIGHT BE INVOLVED IN LOCAL TRANSLATION INTO PORTUGUESE.

3. GUIDELINES ARE:

A. YOU SHOULD STATE THAT YOU HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED BY YOUR GOVERNMENT TO EXPRESS THE CONGRATULATIONS AND THE PLEASURE OF THE PEOPLE AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE U. S. AT THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THE NEGOTIATIONS WHICH LED TO THE INSTALLATION OF THE GOVERNMENT THAT IS TO GUIDE MOZAMBIQUE THROUGH THE PERIOD OF TRANSITION TO INDEPENDENCE.

B. YOU SHOULD RECALL THAT THE POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES TOWARD THE PEOPLES OF AFRICA HAS LONG BEEN ONE OF SUPPORT FOR THEIR SELF-DETERMINATION, AND SHOULD STRESS THAT THE UNITED STATES STRONGLY SUPPORTS THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS TOWARD THE DECOLONIZATION OF ITS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TERRITORIES IN AFRICA.

C. YOU SHOULD STATE THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT IS VERY MUCH AWARE THAT THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT IN MOZAMBIQUE REPRESENTS AN IMPORTANT STEP IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS POLICY OF DECOLONIZATION, AND THAT WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THE GOODWILL AND WISE STATESMANSHIP THAT LED TO THIS STEP WILL LEAD ALSO TO THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF

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THE PROCESS OF INDEPENDENCE NEXT YEAR.

D. YOU SHOULD THEN STATE THAT IT IS THE HOPE OF YOUR GOVERNMENT THAT THE FRIENDSHIP THAT HAS LONG EXISTED BETWEEN THE PEOPLES OF THE UNITED STATES AND MOZAMBIQUE WILL LEAD TO A RELATIONSHIP OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN US WHICH WILL RESULT IN INCREASINGLY CLOSE COOPERATION AS MOZAMBIQUE MOVES TO INDEPENDENCE.

4. REMARKS TO PORTUGUESE HIGH COMMISSIONER SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE WORDS OF COMMENDATION FOR PRESIDENT SPINOLA'S STATESMANLIKE LEADERSHIP OF PORTUGAL AND ITS DECOLONIZATION EFFORT SINCE APRIL 25.

5. WE ASSUME LOCAL NEWS MEDIA AND FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS ATTENDING CEREMONIES WILL REPORT YOUR PRESENTATIONS. PLEASE SEND TEXTS AS DELIVERED BY YOU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER PRESENTATION. KISSINGER

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